

REMARKS

By way of overview, claims 1-9 were examined, with claims 1-3 and 7-9 rejected and claims 4-6 objected to.

Claim Objection

Claim 7 is objected to because “rid” should be “lid.” Applicant has made this correction.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner asserts that claim 7 lacks antecedent basis for “lid forming member.” Applicant has amended claim 7 accordingly.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Laux et al. Claims 3 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laux et al. While not conceding the validity of this rejection, but merely to advance prosecution, Applicant has placed the application in condition for allowance by amending claims 4 and 5 to be in independent form, correspondingly canceling claims 1-3, amending claims 7-9 to be dependent on claim 4, and adding claims 10-12, which correspond to claims 7-9, respectively, but instead depend on claim 5.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner states that the reference submitted in the IDS dated September 24, 2003 is an incorrect document. The Examiner is correct. This reference should have been Examined Japanese Utility Model Application Publication No. Hei2-35536. The specification has been amended accordingly, and a new IDS is submitted herewith.

In view of the above amendments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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